

More Information

If you have any questions concerning the CHIP program, please contact the Social Services office nearest you. The addresses for all local offices can be found on the back of every information insert included with every application form or call **1-800-305-3064**.

Visit our Web site at:

www.state.sd.us/social/medical/chip



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Children's Health Insurance Program



— Free Services —

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Vision Care
Dental Care
Prescription Drugs
Medical, Dental and
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Chiropractic
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What is CHIP?

The South Dakota Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is provided at no cost to reduce the number of uninsured children in South Dakota and to improve their access to quality medical care.

Who qualifies for CHIP?

Children under age 19 who are eligible because of income.

How do I apply?

You can get an application at any Social Services office; many hospitals, schools and other community locations; or by calling 1-800-305-3064.

Do I get to choose my child's doctor?

As a CHIP participant, you must choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP) from a list of PCPs in your area or have one assigned to you. A PCP is the doctor or clinic chosen by you or assigned to you to oversee your medical needs. Your caseworker will give you a list of Primary Care Providers in your area. Along with this list, you will find a selection form for you to complete and return to your caseworker.

What services are covered for free by CHIP?

- ◆ Physician Services
- ◆ Hospital Services
- ◆ Vision Care
- ◆ Dental Care
- ◆ Prescription Drugs
- ◆ Medical, Dental and Vision Screening
- ◆ Chiropractic
- ◆ Mental Health
- ◆ Durable Medical Equipment
- ◆ Other Medical Services

Medical, dental and vision screenings help prevent problems from occurring (or keep health problems from becoming worse) and are very important services for children. Please take your children to your doctor for regular checkups.

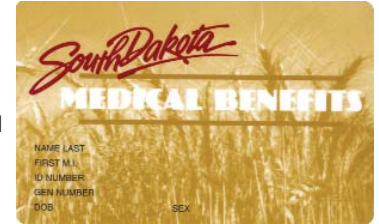
How do I access CHIP benefits?

If you are eligible for CHIP, you will receive an identification card. You must show your identification card before you receive medical services.

How do I use the identification card?

You must have your identification card with you every time you receive medical care.

You should carry your card with you at all times. Failure to present your identification card is cause for payment denial. Payment for denied services may then be your responsibility.



How do medical bills get paid?

When you receive a service covered by a provider (doctor, hospital, etc.), the provider submits a bill to the state for payment. The provider is paid directly. When the program makes payment for a covered service, that particular service is considered paid in full.

The provider **cannot** bill any remaining balance of a covered service to you, your family, your friends or the county.

If the service is not covered by the program, you may be responsible for payment in full. Your provider can tell you whether a service is covered.